

Firefighters frequently put their lives on line

Editor's note: This is the eighth in a series of articles about the Orem Citizen's Academy.

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OREM — Rob Behrend was the first member of our Citizen's Academy class to notice the camaraderie which exists among firefighters.

You hear about members of a certain profession, such as police officers, describing their working relationship as a "close family." However, only firefighters have this unmistakable feeling of comradeship and it shows.

My guess is it's because of the increasing number of times they put their lives on the line every year, sometimes for each other. I'm told firefighting is more dangerous than police work because of the variety of incidents firefighters respond to.

During Thursday's class Orem firefighters showed off, like a Christmas present, the latest weapon they use to respond to incidents involving hazardous materials. Capt. Lynn Rowley informed us of how today's world of increased chemical use makes their jobs harder.

A serious spill can take hours or days to clean and it involves total teamwork. Yevon Romney and I were selected to don

Once our assignment was complete, Romney and I had to depend on Chandler Bates, Gary Seastrand and Tony Yapias to wash us down in the decontamination station. I didn't realize the preparation involved for the entire operation to be conducted.

Now I understand why so much emphasis is placed on the possible prevention of such incidents. Aside from the threat to a firefighter's life, the man hours to clean up a spill can reach thousands of dollars.

Dave Eckersley, fire prevention specialist, spoke about the 4,000 man hours spent annually inspecting commercial businesses and hazardous materials. Another 350 man hours is spent surveying the entire city of Orem for flammable materials, such as weeds, that might threaten buildings or homes.

Those don't count the hundreds of hours fire prevention spends in the city's elementary schools. Throughout the year fire prevention attempts to inform the public of the dangers that exist within their own homes, said Eckersley. (One such presentation, Home Safe Home, begins Tuesday at the University Mall.)



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Jesse Clark, 9, of Ivy Hall Academy, practices hitting a bucket with a stream of water, with help from Ken Field, of the Provo Fire Dept.

Activities slated for Fire Prevention Week

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ties in and around the University

In Pleasant Grove, fire spokes-
person Gloria Swenson said burn

"I'm going but I'm on my way."

— Carl Sandburg, American poet and author (1878-1967)

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Computer input bias ails Clinton's health reform

I don't know exactly when it started, but I hear more and more all the time about the government's computer models.

You may have heard about them yourself, the ones that said the newly enacted tax increases are not going to do significant damage to small business.

The ones that said the new health plan can be plugged into the national economy without dimming all the lights. Without drawing any additional power at all, in fact.

Now the truth is I'm not really in a position to criticize these computer models because I'm not exactly sure what a computer model does, except I know they always agree with Bill and Hillary Clinton.

Which of the following is a primary emotion?



Pete Dexter

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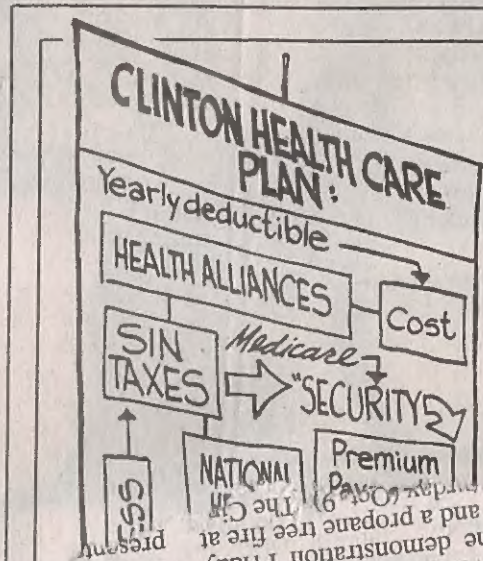
placed (hip replacement) and nothing

In Spanish Fork, Assistant Chief Errol Smith said firefighters will

Chief, Oct. 25. In Springfield, Fire Chief Phil Whitney said an open house will begin Tuesday at the fire station. A program on smoke detectors and staying out of a burning home will be given at the city's elementary

The "Fire Chief for a Day" will be selected out of the 4,000 elementary students asked to do their own home fire inspections. The winner will be chosen from the inspection entries and will be

Leonard Tayson, Grants-
town, will be in town to speak to the
elementary, junior high and



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
 Premium
 The City of
 and a propane tree fire
 One demonstration Friday
 station Wednesday at 6 p.m., a
 p.m. Tuesday, a haz-mat demon-
 demonstration is planned for 6
 Outside the mall, an extrication
 7021, said Eckersley.
 groups can be made by calling 224-
 Reservations for school or Scout
 a.m. to 9 p.m.

uses on in-home hazards. The Home Safe Home project consists of five different cut-away rooms of a typical house complete with actual size furnishings. Visitors participate in a special safety hazard hunt in addition to viewing a film on home hazards. Tours run daily every 20 minutes from 10

...beginning Tuesday. Spokes-
man Dave Eckersley said inside
it will be the popular Home Safe
home safety exhibition which fo-

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PROVO — Firefighters from Utah County's city and volunteer fire departments are gearing up for a full slate of activities during this year's National Fire Prevention Week beginning Monday.

In Provo, the fire department and the city's emergency department are joining forces to bring the public an open house Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Station One, 80 S. 300 West, Provo.

The open houses of the past have drawn hundreds of residents and more are expected this year with addition of a Lifeflight helicopter and a second demonstration of the popular propane fire k forward to the oppos-

OH. I GET IT.

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